

CLAIMS:

1. A system for assisting an organization to implement and maintain compliance management programs, the system comprising:
 - 5 a graphical interface which allows a user to display and enter data about legislative obligations or other obligations with which the organization is required to comply, the interface arranged to display a plurality of user-selectable modules, each module relating to a particular piece of legislation or obligation;
at least one master database for storing compliance criteria on the legislative
10 or other compliance obligations, the master database coupled to the graphical interface for displaying data about the legislative or other obligations;
at least one slave database for storing information on activities of and incidents or accidents in the organization and assessments of the organization, the slave database coupled to the graphical interface for user entry of data about the
15 activities of and incidents or accidents in the organization and assessments of the organization; and
a risk assessor interfaced to assign a priority rating to the activity, incident, accident or assessment in the slave database.
- 20 2. The system according to Claim 1, further comprising a report generator is configured to generate a report on any action required to render the organization compliant with the legislative or other requirements in the master database.
3. The system according to Claim 1, wherein further comprising a report
25 generator configured to generates a report on activities, incidents, accidents or assessments having a priority rating above a predefined threshold.
4. The system according to Claim 3, wherein the predefined threshold may be altered, thereby allowing an organization to successively lower the threshold as the
30 organization manages high priority activities, incidents, accidents or assessments.
5. The system according to Claim 1, wherein relationships between data stored in the master database and the slave database are dynamically created and deleted as required.

6. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the master database is configured to be able to be updated with additional compliance requirements.

7. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the priority rating assigned
5 comprises a numerical priority rating.

8. A computer-implemented method for assisting an organization to implement and maintain compliance management programs, the method comprising:

allowing a user to display and enter data through a graphical interface, wherein
10 the data relates to legislative obligations or other obligations with which the organization is required to comply, the interface arranged to display a plurality of user-selectable modules, each module relating to a particular piece of legislation or obligation;

storing compliance criteria on the legislative or other compliance obligations in at
15 least one master database coupled to the graphical interface for displaying data about the legislative or other obligations;

storing information on activities of and incidents or accidents in the organization and assessments of the organization in at least one slave database coupled to the graphical interface for user entry of data about the activities of and incidents or
20 accidents in the organization and assessments of the organization;

assigning to the activities, incidents, accidents or assessments a
priority rating and storing the priority rating in the slave database;
retrieving data from the slave database about the organization; and
retrieving legislative or other compliance requirements from the master
25 database.

9. The method according to Claim 8, further comprising generating a report on action to be taken to render the organization compliant with the legislative or other compliance requirements in the master database.

30 10. The method according to Claim 8, further comprising generating a report on activities, incidents, accidents or assessments having a priority rating above a predefined threshold.

11. The method according to Claim 12, further comprising altering the predefined threshold.
12. The method according to Claim 11, wherein the altering comprises lowering
5 the threshold as the organization manages high priority activities, incidents, accidents or assessments.
13. The method according to Claim 8, further comprising dynamically creating and deleting relationships between data stored in the master database and the slave
10 database as required.
14. The method according to Claim 8, further comprising updating the master database with additional compliance requirements.
- 15 15. The method according to Claim 8, wherein the priority rating assigned comprises a numerical priority rating.